total number of staff cadre-wise and officers level-wise working in Railway Board as on 31st July, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof separately category-wise;

(c) whether any data is also available to indicate total number of staff and officers having their State Railway Provident Fund in Board's Office;

(d) whether SRPF Accounts are maintained with some system/modality;

(e) whether updating of these accounts is done every year in September' by 5 to 10 Non-Gazetted Staff;

(f) whether Government propose to feed these accounts in Personal Computers for benefit and convenient of staff and officers to lessen the work of staff working on these accounts; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) The details of Officers and staff working in Railway Board as on 31st July, 1993 is as under :

/ *Group 'A'*

(i) Board Members	06
(ii) Secretary, Railway Board	01
(iii) Advisers	17
(iv) Director General	02
(v) Executive Directors/Joint Secretaries (SAG)	66
(vi) Directors/Joint Secretaries (SG)	57
(vii) Jt. Directors/Dy. Secretaries	46
(viii) Dy. Directors/Under Secretaries	64
(ix) Principal Private Secretaries	07
(x) Misc. (ex-cadre)	24

II. Group B'

(0 Section Officers/Desk Officers	199
(ii) Private Secretaries	101
(iii) Misc. (ex-cadre)	47

HI, Group B' (Non-Gazetted)

(i) Assistants	345
(ii) Personal Assistants	161

IV. Group V

(i) Hindi Assistants	37
(if) Upper Division Clerks	149
(iii) Stenographers	151
(iv) Lower Division Clerks	207
(v) Misc. (ex-cadre). Technical Assistants, Inspectors, Drivers, Telephone Operators, Roneo Operators, Draftsmen, Canteen Staff, etc.	560

V. Group '0'

(i) Daftary, Jamadar, Peon, Khalasi, Mali, Cleaner, Farash, etc.	581

(c) to (0 Yes, Sir

(g) Computerisation of State Railway Provident Fund Accounts of staff working in Railway Board is under process.

Experts Panel on Railways

2994. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have set up an Experts Panel to study the organisation and structure of the Railways handed by a former Chairman of the NCAER;

(b) whether this panel would also study ways and means of bringing down the cost of paid travel; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Study of steps to be taken at the managerial levels to provide cost effective customer service forms part of the terms of reference.

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of a Pilgrim Train

2995. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider the introduction of a pilgrim train which would exclusively touch the religious centres in South India;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to facilitate travellers and pilgrims to visit pilgrim centres in the South by train ?

* THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.